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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Miami-Dade Police Department's Letter of Support for Request for Partial
Waiver of Section 90.02(e)(6)(ii) by the International Association of Auto
Theft Investigators
PS Docket No. 13-281

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) strongly supports the request for partial waiver (Waiver Request) filed by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) requesting that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), waive Section 90.20(e)(6)(ii) of its rules, thereby allowing public safety entities to track and recover stolen vehicles equipped with stolen vehicle recovery systems for as long as those vehicles are in use.

The Hammocks District currently employs the use of ten LoJack tracking units. In order to enhance their effectiveness, the tracking units are assigned to both investigative personnel in the District's Auto Theft Unit and uniform patrol officers. The units have successfully been utilized to recover numerous vehicles, address District crime trends, and facilitate criminal investigations initiated by the District's Auto Theft Unit.

As described in the Waiver Request, the IAATI seeks a partial waiver to allow wideband (25 kHz) Vehicle Locator Units to transmit response signals after the FCC's May 27, 2019, narrowbanding deadline so that older vehicles equipped with these devices may be tracked and recovered if stolen. We believe that the FCC's grant of IAATI's Waiver Request will benefit greatly the MDPD and the public.

A prominent example of MDPD's utilization of LoJack occurred in December 2012. The Hammocks District was experiencing a noticeable rise in the number of stolen motorcycles. Auto Theft Unit personnel had exhausted all available investigative leads, and were no closer to identifying a subject. On December 11, 2012, uniform patrol personnel received a LoJack tracking alert, identifying a stolen 2007 Suzuki GSXR-600. The patrol units were able to track the stolen motorcycle to a residential apartment complex located at 14931 SW 82 Terrace. Auto Theft Unit personnel responded to the scene and coordinated their efforts with LoJack company representatives. Utilizing additional resources provided by LoJack's law enforcement liaison, investigative personnel successfully located the stolen motorcycle within an unoccupied and locked apartment unit.

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Auto Theft Unit personnel subsequently obtained and executed a search warrant at the residence. Once inside, two additional stolen motorcycles were recovered along with miscellaneous motorcycle components and parts. The detectives successfully identified a subject and determined that he was operating an illicit "chop shop," specializing in motorcycles. On December 12, 2012, the subject was located and taken into custody. He was charged with multiple counts of Grand Theft Auto, as well as, Operating a "chop shop."

The Hammocks District's increasing crime trend was effectively addressed and an illicit criminal enterprise decreased, as a result of the coordinated efforts of law enforcement personnel utilizing the LoJack stolen vehicle recovery system.

We urge the FCC to adopt the IAATI's Waiver Request.

Sincerely,


J.D. Patterson
Director